



Compassionate Outpouring: Heartfelt Results



Greetings from the Founder, Mrs. Sharon L. Ruff

The Republic of Liberia, West Africa continues to be among the poorest countries in the world. An estimated eighty-three percent of its 4.5 million population live below the international poverty line of \$1.25US per day. Therefore, it is not surprising that there is a devastating domino effect for those who live with such meager resources.

Access to daily food, clean drinking water, education, health care, sanitary systems, decent housing, even an adequate supply of clothing/shoes is challenging for the average Liberian and in many instances, they are never obtained. Every single day, people struggle at every level for basic survival: children (orphans, abandoned, abused, neglected or living with loving families), adults (single or married), seniors and the handicapped (physically, mentally or visually). The means to escape extreme poverty and obtain a good quality of life is a constant unrealized aspiration. Thus, hopelessness and shame are often stated realities. This is why international aid to Liberia is so critical. Every human being should be able to live with dignity. When it's not possible due to factors beyond their control, then others with a compassionate heart are needed to intervene and lend a helping hand. LO/HP, Inc. is a small faith-based entity continuing a work started in 1990 which seeks to help as many as we can.

During this *Christmas Holiday Season*, as we come to the end of 2020, LO/HP, Inc. expresses *a very special thank you* and *Happy Holiday wishes* to all whose compassionate outpouring has allowed us to continue improving the quality of life for many underprivileged individuals in Liberia. A very special thank you is also due to our entire volunteer staff and those who offered reduced prices for their services to help us. Without everyone *helping us*...we would not be able to *help them*.

We are seeking donors for our Operation Blessing Project. Thirteen thousand (\$13,000US) is needed to send two humanitarian aid containers to Liberia, West Africa to distribute thousands of relief items, educational materials, recreation items, and medical supplies to orphanages, child welfare homes, the Blind, seniors, clinics, and the poor in urban / rural areas.

Will You Help?

Monthly or One-Time?

Bronze Pledge \$30US

A child's basic needs -- food, shelter, clothing & medical.

Silver Pledge \$50US

Humanitarian aid grants, emergency medical assistance, or agriculture seeds/equipment.

Gold Pledge \$100US

Provides bathrooms; sanitation systems; clean water projects; or tuition /uniform/ school supplies for 5 elementary children.

Platinum Pledge \$150US

Provides basic sponsorship grants to orphanages: food, staffing, furnishings or agricultural/ farming/husbandry projects.

**One Time Gift \$500US
\$1,000US or more**

Will assist with medical /dental trips, Operation Blessing Projects containers, renovation/ construction projects, special projects, and more!

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Through the generosity of donors and sponsors, once again throughout this year, we were able to fulfill our **3 Rs**: “Create Avenues to **R**emove the Stain of Shame, **R**estore Dignity, and **R**ediscover the Wealth of Treasure in Humanity in Liberia, West Africa. Those benefiting through our Orphanage/Child Welfare Home Project, Humanitarian Project, Education Project and Special Initiatives for the Blind have their basic needs met, barriers to improved quality of life removed and doors of opportunity for a brighter future opened.

Hopes & Dreams Realized!



Before being accepted into The Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. (SIC), our sponsored orphanage and humanitarian refuge home, the children above **were among the hundreds of thousands of Liberian children** in the category of “**the have-nots, with no one extending a helping hand.**” We are so grateful, so very grateful for compassionate giving from our donors and sponsors. You ensured that the children in the 2020 Christmas picture above continue to live a good, happy life of provision – daily food, clothing, undergarments, shoes, sandals, decent housing, quality education from elementary through high school and beyond, medical care, toys, toiletries and so much more in a secured, nurturing Christian environment.

Every day as people walk on the outside of the 15ft compound security wall, they can smell food being cooked for daily meals. They can hear laughter from children at play and the sound of musical instruments and joy as children, young adults and staff participate in daily praise and worship services. Not a week goes by that someone is not knocking at the gate asking security to speak to administrative staff. Most of the time they are inquiring whether SIC can take in more children. The stories of desperate need, hunger, abuse, abandonment or children living on the streets brings one to tears, but LO/HP, Inc. cannot sponsor additional children at our current donation level, if we are to continue providing quality care for the residents of this home.

There was a slight increase in donations over last year. However, due to inflation in Liberia, we often struggled to meet financial obligations. Images of Liberian children shown below propel us to continue advocating for such little ones and not allowing those in our care to return to extreme poverty and hopelessness. ***We can increase the number of children we serve if we receive additional donors and sponsors. Will you help us?***





Portraits of Gratitude!



* Donations Provided Gifts Galore



Konah, 5



John, 14



Patience, 12



Lydia, 13



Orlando, 12



Regina, 14



Matthew, 15



Christie, 14



Abraham, 16



Princess, 15



Expressions of gratefulness from the children, youth, young adults and staff of the Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. was overwhelming.
Donations made this possible!

Unwed Mothers and their Children Received Throughout the Year and During the Holiday Season

LO/HP, Inc. has many fond memories of sisters, Sara and Naomi, who are now 27. They were accepted into the SIC program when they were 5 years old. They lived under extreme poverty conditions with their father who married 2 women (their mothers) and 13 other siblings under the same roof. They ate 1 meal a day, slept on the floor, had no clothes/shoes and worked along with their parents and other siblings on a farm. When they were accepted into the SIC home, Sara needed immediate medical care and both were undernourished.



We thoroughly enjoyed helping them thrive, as we provided for their total care and sent them along with all the other SIC residents to private schools. Then in their teen years, each one left SIC to live with their aunt when they became pregnant by someone they met outside the orphanage compound. After giving birth, the fathers of their children abandoned them; thus, they were left without emotional or financial support. Young teens often miscalculate the possibility of negative life-altering outcomes based upon one spur-of-the-moment decision. Now left destitute, for daily food, they had no other alternative but to walk the streets of Liberia, like hundreds of others without education or skills, selling toothpaste or other small items. Often times, there wasn't even a single sale and they returned to their aunt's house with no money to contribute to the daily meal. Life was a downhill journey and they and their children had many unmet needs.

In 2019, they made an appeal to LO/HP, Inc. for emergency food, education assistance and medical care. We were able to provide food subsidies, long over-due medical treatment for Naomi's son and several humanitarian grants for both families. Tuition assistance, uniforms and school requirements was awarded to Sara for a Nursing Assistant program which she will finish next year and to Naomi to finish high school. **Thank you donors!**

Humanitarian Aid Grants Were Given to Seniors, The Blind, Rural Villagers, and The Handicapped



Mr. Bedell



Justin/Peace & Family



John/Winnie & Family



Rural Villagers Received Relief



Joshua & Mother

LO/HP, Inc. continues to provide a limited number of monthly humanitarian grants to seniors, Blind individuals and to make periodic donations to the handicapped. As reported in our Fall Issue, we made a *special appeal* at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. Thanks to the outpouring of compassion, we were able to provide emergency food and other provisions to rural villagers. Liberia has no National Welfare Program for orphans, seniors, the Blind, the impoverished or handicapped individuals. Consider making a donation today so we can continue to respond to emergency situations.

The Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy (ENMA) Will Reopened.

The Liberian government closed all schools due to COVID-19 and we were unable to provide our annual Christmas party for The Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy (ENMA) students. Students will not return until January, 2021.

ENMA is busy preparing to re-open to more than 200 students, many of whom have already pre-registered. Most of them come from extremely poor neighborhood families headed by a single head-of-household father, mother or other relative. Prior to the opening of ENMA, we paid extremely high tuitions as all of our sponsored children who attended private schools. When ENMA was established their goal was to provide a quality education at the lowest possible cost. Their annual tuition cost is \$40US, with an additional \$60US needed to provide each student with 2 school uniforms, a gym uniform, shoes/socks and school supplies. These costs are extremely low compared to \$125US+ for other schools which does not include additional fees, uniforms or school supplies which can easily total \$220US annually.



We are appealing for additional sponsors to help impoverished families send more than 1 of their children to school. Each year we seek to sponsor 50 students. Any level of donation towards the education of these children will give them an opportunity to end the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. *Please consider donating to this wonderful cause.* The students above are eager to return and others are waiting for sponsors. *Are you the one?*



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Our Mission

Our mission is to significantly impact the lives of abandoned, abused, neglected and orphaned children in Liberia, West Africa and to engage in humanitarian projects that will improve the quality of life for disadvantaged Liberians, and other underserved individuals around the world.



Imagine living in this underdeveloped country with so many unmet needs. Then, imagine the joy of sponsorship which removes the stain of shame and gives you tools for success. A small donation can mean so much to the poorest of the poor: children living in orphanages/child welfare homes, educational opportunities, medical care, stipends for the Blind & the disadvantaged at every age. **Together, we can improve their lives. Give today! They are waiting!**



LO/HP, Inc. aims to continue sponsoring orphanages, child welfare homes, humanitarian, educational and operational blessing projects, as well as our special initiatives for the Blind. These projects have been successful due to the efforts of caring sponsors, partners and volunteers just like you. We welcome all who have a heart of compassion towards the poor and less fortunate. **GIVE FREELY TO HELP US...HELP THEM!**

Whatever assistance you, your organization or civic group provides will be greatly appreciated. Please consider becoming a monthly sponsor or a partner today. We need Braille laptop computers, new washing machines & dryers, solar panels and generators for electricity. Foreign made vehicles (cars, trucks, and school buses, no more than 6 years old in good running condition) [USA parts are hard to get in Liberia.] are urgently needed. Volunteers are also needed! Supportive assistance for any of our projects is also welcomed. Make a **tax-deductible donation** payable to “**LIBERIAN ORPHANAGE / HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS, INC.**” or “**LO/HP, Inc.**” **Use Paypal to donate on www.lohp-usa.org or CashApp - \$LiberianCare or use the form below to mail in your donation. (Do not send cash in the mail.)** **Thank you for your consideration!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

I pledge to donate monthly\$ _____ (sponsorship of orphan(s) _____; Specific child _____

I pledge to donate monthly to the Blind Initiatives\$ _____; specific project _____

I pledge to donate monthly for education projects\$ _____; Construction projects \$ _____

Please call me (____) _____ or e-mail me at _____

I cannot make a monthly pledge but I will make a one-time contribution of --

\$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ or more (please specify) _____